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SUBJECT: GOC HANDLING OF NORTH KOREAN VISA APPLICATIONS

REF: A. OTTAWA 4983, B. STATE 121653

1. ACCORDING TO OLDHAM, KOREA DESK OFFICER, MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), THERE HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY LARGE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NORTH KOREAN VISA APPLICATIONS OVER PAST YEAR AND A HALF (REF A) AND THIS PRESENTS DILEMMA FOR GOC. GOC HAS WILL BUT NOT EFFECTIVE WAY FOR KEEPING NORTH KOREANS OUT OF CANADA.

2. INCREASE STARTED WITH MONTREAL SUMMER 1976 OLYMPICS WITH REQUESTS FROM "SPECTATORS" AND CONTINUED WITH VISA REQUESTS FOR ICAO MEETING, TEACHERS CONFERENCE (REF B) AND NEW BRUNSWICK ASIAN STUDIES MEETING (REF A). NORTH KOREANS, OLDHAM SAID, ARE APPARENTLY TESTING GOC VISA POLICY TOWARDS THEM AND INDIRECTLY GOC POLICY FAVORING ROK.

3. GOC, ACCORDING TO OLDHAM, DOES NOT WANT THESE NORTH KOREANS IN COUNTRY BOTH BECAUSE OF SUBVERSIVE POTENTIAL AND AS POSSIBLE SIGN OF WEAKENING OF PRO-ROK POLICY, BUT LACKS
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LEGAL BASIS FOR DENYING VISA REQUESTS. IN LATTER REGARD, HE NOTED DIFFICULTY IN DENYING VISAS ON SECURITY GROUNDS SINCE IT IS SO DIFFICULT TO CHECK OUT BONA FIDES OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS. FURTHER, BLANKET DENIAL POLICY WOULD STIR UP "ACADEMIC HORNET'S NEST" FROM THE LIKES OF SAM NOUMOFF, ASST. OR ASSOC. PROFESSOR AT MCGILL UNIV. AND FIRM NORTH KOREAN SYMPATHIZER. OLDHAM TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER

THAT NOUMOFF, WHO IS A U.S. CITIZEN, IS NO DOUBT WELL KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT.

4. IN FACE OF ABOVE DILEMMA, GOC HAS WORKED OUT MODUS VIVENDI (PRESUMABLY AFTER INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSIDERATION NOTED IN REF A), WHICH AWAITS A TEST CASE. POLICY IS TO MAKE APPLICATION PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT WITH REQUIREMENT OF 3 WEEKS NOTICE, LIST OF CANADIANS WHOM APPLICANT PLANS TO MEET, LIMITATION OF VISA VALIDITY TO AS SHORT A PERIOD AS POSSIBLE, SIGNED STATEMENT AGREEING TO MAKE NO PUBLIC POLITICAL STATEMENTS AND TO FOLLOW ONLY SET ITINERARY, AND LIMITATION OF TRAVEL TO CERTAIN AREAS. OLDHAM NOTED THESE "ALL VERY WELL BUT THEY ARE UNENFORCEABLE" BECAUSE OF LIMITED MANPOWER TO CHECK IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES AND NO LEGAL BACKUP FOR EXPULSION. ONLY RECOURSE WILL BE RE SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL WHICH OLDHAM DOUBTS WOULD BE GIVEN. UPSHOT, OLDHAM SAID, IS THAT POLICY MERELY "A BLUFF".

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF CANADIAN FRUSTRATION IN CONTROLLING DPRK VISA SITUATION, OLDHAM SAID EXTAFF WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF U.S. LEGISLATION AND/OR METHODS FOR DENYING NORTH KOREAN ENTRY FOR ALL BUT LIMITED . PURPOSES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFO THIS REGARD FOR TRANSMITTAL TO EXTAFF. ENDERS

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